





## The Constitution.

ATLANTA, GA., OCTOBER 21, 1879.

Friday and Saturday of this week are the last days of registration in the cities of New York and Brooklyn. In New York 80,000 names are already recorded, but unless the total registration will not equal that of 1876, which was 153,004.

The New York Sun extracts from the political records of New York the comfortable fact that democratic politics, although generally disastrous during the year of their occurrence, have invariably been followed by great victories. They last but a year, and leave no deep marks behind.

The determination of the English authorities to extend their system of railroads in India to Candahar, far into Afghanistan, alone shows that the subjugation and permanent occupation of the country are settled matters. It is a serious one, and that it can only be performed successfully by opening up a line of communication that cannot be cut by the snags or the guerrillas of the mountain passes.

The government has decided not to pursue the Utes, who are doubtless scattered among the wildest parts of the Rocky mountains. General Merritt's forward movements have been stopped, and the interior department is relying upon Chief Oury, of whom Secretary Schurz has a high opinion. He even expects the chief of all the Utes to surrender the men who fought Thornburgh and murdered Meeker; but no one else expects the chief to do any such thing. He could not if he would.

The floods in Spain were as wasteful of life as of property. The crowded continent seems to be open to such disasters. The floods of the Danubian valley, in which Segovia, a city of 75,000 people, was destroyed, occurred only a few months ago, and now a similar calamity has befallen the rich provinces that extend along the Mediterranean from Malaga to Murcia. The streams that did the damage rise in the Sierra Nevada mountains to flow through highly cultivated plains to the sea.

Mexico is a country that ought to please the reader here. One day, when a rich silver producing district was discovered, three states claimed it—Chihuahua, Durango and Coahuila. The three were about to fight for the possession of the coveted district, when the federal government intervened and placed portions of each, including the silver mines, under federal jurisdiction. Its action was clearly unconstitutional, but it was no other easy way to settle the trouble. It is republicanism through and through.

The quarterly circular of Messrs. Dun, Barlow & Co. shows that during the third quarter of 1879 the failures numbered only 1,302, liabilities \$15,275,590, against 2,833 failures in the third quarter of 1878, with liabilities amounting to \$69,278,303. For the nine months of 1879 the failures were 8,678, with liabilities reaching \$7,211,129, for the corresponding time of the present year the failures were 5,320, liabilities \$81,054,940. These facts show a remarkable growth of confidence and business prosperity. The outlook is very bright, with every prospect of remaining so. The prevailing rage for speculation is the only cloud in the commercial sky.

The house committee on rules, of which the speaker is chairman, and Mr. Stephens a member, have prepared a new set of rules, bringing the number of rules down from 166 to 50, and making the system intelligible to intellects not gigantic. The existing set operate to retard and confuse business, and to consume valuable time. No one knows what they really are, for some of them are twisted to fit any decision that a speaker feels like making. It is claimed that under the code that the committee will unanimously report to the house, one-half of the session need not be taken up in efforts to ascertain how to proceed in the dispatch of business.

The old newspaper syndicate has been organized again, it is reported. It includes the New York Tribune, the Chicago Tribune, the Cincinnati Commercial, the Springfield Republican and two or three other papers that cannot exactly understand why this country should possess a contrary spirit. Their present scheme relates to the shelving of Grant. They propose to procure from Grant the seven words he has thus far refused to utter, and to induce him to really say them, and not permit the use of his name in connection with the presidency. They will, it is said, offer Congress to put all living ex-presidents on half-pay. A pretty scheme, indeed, but as all projects of newspaper syndicates very properly come to naught, the taxpayer need not lie awake at nights on account of it.

A circular from General Walker, superintendent of the census, just received, asks farmers to be prepared to answer questions concerning their products. The census will be taken next June; but the product and acreage of wheat, corn, rye, oats, barley, peas and beans, rice, cotton, potatoes, sorghums, vineyards, small fruit, sugar cane and sorghum for the calendar year 1879 will then be called for. The wool clip for the calendar year 1880 is to be returned at the same time. The products of the dairy, the value of slaughtered animals, the value of garden, forest and home products are to be returned for the twelve months ending with May 31st, 1880. If our agricultural readers will list this out, they will be prepared to perform the taking of the census and the cause of agricultural statistics will be promoted.

We have been curious to know how the official cotton and cotton bales will correspond with the unofficial estimates.

Victoria, who is suffering a war of extermination against the whites of New Mexico, is a disciple of old Cochet, and a very bad Indian. He has been engaged in the bloody work about six weeks, and has procured the death of probably one hundred of his white neighbors. Our dispatches of this morning tell a part of the story. He is a natural murderer; his crimes are almost numberless, and yet this savage outlaw has been protected by the authorities against the law—the law being to keep him on a reservation. He became restless, however, and finally concluded to follow his old trade of murder. When pursued by the troops he

fled with his followers to the mountains, where he will defy the troops as long as he can, and when he finds himself crowded, he will slip over into Mexico. Victoria is supposed to have about two hundred adherents under him. They are well-armed and unfriendly to the last degree.

**The Renfro Verdict.**

Those who read the newspapers with any care must be struck with the lack of impressiveness in the criticisms that have been aimed at this senator who is deemed to have aided under the circumstances to vote not guilty in the Renfro impeachment trial, and the clamor that has been raised in various quarters and by diverse interested persons very fairly be compared to the noise made by a half-dozen mustard seeds shaken in an oyster can. In the very nature of things this must be so, for there is no ground for the criticisms and no basis for the clamor. At the same time, we recognize the fact that the case for this senator and these criticisms were given in the senate where, in one or two conspicuous instances, members of the court of impeachment and jurymen in the case, instead of stating the reasons that impelled them to vote for the conviction of Renfro, forgot their position and fell into a line of pleading the utility of the verdict which would be rendered in a prosecuting attorney. It is impossible that this course of procedure should not have had its effect in the gallery, and it is not at all to be wondered at that the action of the minority senators has been misinterpreted, and that the effect of the failure to reach a verdict has been widely misunderstood. At the same time, however, we recognize and appreciate the influence to their fullest extent, it is impossible to mistake the origin of the clamor or the direction in which it inevitably tends. It emanates primarily from those who desire above all things to write the epitaph of a democratic party and who have been running enough to use as blind instruments some very worthy but some very unsuspecting men; and we confess now that we are far more interested in watching the efforts of this element to institute the reign of faction than we are in defending the minority senators from groundless criticism. For nothing can be surer than that the verdict of public opinion in this matter will be a just one, and that it will be based upon the facts in the case wholly irrespective of the pleas or influence of individuals. It is for this reason that we have been led to hastily summarize the facts which caused the minority senators to vote against the verdict of impeachment in the case of the treasurer. Those who have read the articles that have preceded this with any care or attention will have perceived that, instead of arguing the case, we have merely presented the facts as they stand, accompanied by such comments as would seem to give them the emphasis of definiteness. We propose now to summarize these facts and to leave them to the impartial judgment of the public. We have shown beyond all question—

1. That the failure to reach a verdict in the Renfro case did not acquit him of the plain violation of the law to which he pleaded confession.

2. That a verdict of guilty by a court of impeachment would have been wholly disproportionate to the offense committed by the treasurer—an offense committed by all his predecessors, and, in the case of a republican treasurer unanimously conducted by a democratic legislature.

3. That every dollar of the state's money was found intact and the financial affairs of the commonwealth in a better condition than they were ever before known to be.

4. That no evidence or hint of corruption in the treasurer's management of the state's money, or in his receipt of the interest gratuity from his snivels, was discovered.

5. That his plea of ignorance of the law was not taken into consideration by the minority senators further than as a circumstance going to his credit.

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7. That the house erred in the direction of injustice to the state and injustice to Renfro when it refused his tender of a portion of the gratuity money and his resignation, for the reason that all the interest unlawfully received could have been recovered under the process finally adopted.

8. That the element of corruption, which alone could have justified the severity of a sentence by a court of impeachment, was shown by all the evidence, direct and circumstantial, wholly wanting in Renfro's conduct.

9. That the house did not believe him corrupt, because it left him in charge of all the state's funds pending impeachment, and thereafter directed him by resolution to investigate the accounts of a former treasurer.

10. That the proceedings finally taken against Renfro covered the whole case and should have been instituted in the first place, thereby saving to the state the cost of an impeachment trial, to be successful, would have resulted in the grossest injustice to a faithful public officer.

So much in defense of the action of the minority senators. We present the facts and circumstances in the case, confident that the verdict of public opinion will abundantly justify those who stood between a citizen of the state and a punishment, the injustice of which no plea could excuse, and no tribunal cure. It is only necessary that the people should bear both sides of the case and have a clear understanding of the facts.

We have Mystic Oaks in Atlanta. These are the old oaks in Ohio, but the mystic element is lacking.

We hear some well-learned rumors of a movement to make Grant the nominee of the south. The movement, it is said, is not a political one. Its object is, by nominating Grant and offering him support in the assumption of extraordinary powers, to utter a break down all the barriers of sectionalism and leave no room for prejudice and slander. In other words, there are those at the south, who, hopeless of any contest based on constitutional grounds, are ready and anxious to forestall and reap the political results of the centralism toward which republicanism is hurrying the country; and it may be said that there is more hope than hopelessness in the idea. One thing is certain: whatever happens or fails to happen, the business and commercial interests of the south are determined to have peace.

Occasionally the Hon. Richard Grant White, remarks with great apparent force that the expression "playing ground" is not an appropriate one for a political arena. It is exclusively an Ohio phrase, and what it lacks in chastity to speak is compensated by its vigor—a certain degree of construction, as it were.

We concede that old Mrs. Swinburn now has solid ground upon which to perform her semi-monthly waltz.

What was it Mr. Blackburn said awhile ago about "he who has been and he who has been?" In view of the two-pivoted position that Grant White has taken in the Ohio department of this exhibition, it is refreshing to turn to the earlier utterances of our champion. If Mr. Blackburn desires any corrections in his remarks, he should send them in before we go to press.

REPUBLICANS who want to serve on an electoral commission should by all means vote the democratic ticket.

It is to be observed that Colonel Kelly of New York, is still shouting the battery of freedom. There seems to be no hope for the citizens of oppression and tyranny in the great state while the colonel stands on the second floor.

Events have left room for Uncle David Davis's boom.

One word before the audience disperses: a gentleman told us where the rat is to be found for the weary? We desire to secure permanent and paying positions for members of the party in Ohio.

The whereabouts of Jim Redpath have been discovered. His lying apparatus needed a rest.

The editor of the Washington Post says that any man who can draw a check for \$2,000,000 is entitled to the respect of the American people. This is true. It is one of the strong points of our Uncle Samuel J. Tilden.

It is a pity that the prospects now before the campaign in 1880 to be a mere genial scullion on the part of the democrats to see which will have the most fun, we propose that our Uncle Samuel and his \$2,000,000 check be put in nomination.

BRASSIE claims to have lost his voice, and there is now great desolation in the neighborhood of his chin.

Your Uncle Dick Thompson has been drilling a naval battalion at Fort Monroe. The deep-seated resentment of your Uncle Richard against the pope and the solid south is liable to the reopening of hostilities at any moment.

SILVER HITCHHIKERS claim to have "S. J. T." marked on their person somewhere. He invites the fullest and freest investigation.

Mrs. Kristi Lutz, one of the authors of "All Quiet Along the Potomac" "Night" is dead. The other authors of this vigorous war-ballet doubtless feel relieved.

Let us go back to first principles and run the Oklahoma for president. This would probably break up the independent party in Texas.

Is the crash of events it is well to remember that Mr. Hayes has been forgiven, but not forgotten. The administration of Mr. Hayes, under the able management of Mr. Rogers, was indeed in Ohio last Tuesday.

**IN GENERAL.**

—Voice of the republican reformer: Cuck, cuck, cuck, Ohio!

—Cassidy is 48 years old and somewhat tanned as to complexion.

—Haven't been so busy since the war is the password of the iron men.

—Lady Walseley, wife of the English commander of the Cape of Good Hope, is living in Worcester.

—Robert Bonner is about to dispose of \$7 of his fast and well-bred trotters at \$87 a year to the Sultan of Turkey \$100,000 a year to live. Such a man could save a good deal of money by dying.

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**PATENT MEDICINES.**

**PILLS FOR A TORPID LIVER.**

**SYMPTOMS OF A TORPID LIVER.**

**CONSTITUTION.**

**TUTT'S HAIR DYE.**

**JAMES'S HALL.**

**BEAUTIFUL ART EXHIBITION.**

**100 SPLENDID VIEWS.**

**LIBRARY HALL.**

**Benefit of the Y. M. L. A.**

**ANNA BOYLE.**

**SHAKESPEARE, SHERIDAN, BULWER.**

**MADAME ANNA SIMON WERNER.**

**Mr. E. van Goidtsen, the Sweet Tenor, will Sing.**

**THE ATLANTA CONVENTION.**

**OPERA HOUSE.**

**MONDAY, OCT. 20, FAIR WEEK.**

**Grand Saturday Matinee.**

**MAMMOTH MINSTRELS.**

**10 GRAND MEN! 18 MATCHLESS SONG & DANCE ARTISTS.**

**8 CHAMPION CLOG DANCERS.**

**8 SUPERB VOCALISTS.**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.**

Having heard some talk about the oldest established house and having heard it reported that the Famous N. Y. Clothing House, 7 Whitehall street, is only a temporary affair, I would respectfully inform the public not to confound this store with others which have just opened in order to sell off stock. Famous N. Y. Clothing House, is one of the Branches of 806 Broadway, N. Y., and has branches doing large business in Charleston, Savannah, and Providence, B. I., for years. We sell our goods at wholesale prices. Our competitors feeling the effect of our low prices, bring into circulation such reports as above, in order to keep their customers to the old time high prices. Look in at 7 Whitehall street, Famous N. Y. One Price Clothing House before buying.

**ATTENTION OF THE PUBLIC.**

Is requested to the following card from the largest manufacturers of Solid Silverware in the United States: NEW YORK, Oct. 1st, 1879.

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.**

We have appointed J. P. Stevens & Co. the Sole Agents for the sale of our wares in the city of Atlanta, and in future goods of our manufacture can be obtained of them at exactly our New York Prices. GORHAM MFG CO.

**HUFF & BROWN.**

**MARKHAM HOUSE.**

**WOODS & CO.**

**STEAM ENGINES.**

**Seeds.**

**Large Arrival of Stoves.**

**Special Notice.**

**Large Sale of Property.**

**LIBERAL CASH PREMIUMS.**

**TROTTER & RUNNING RACES.**

**STEWART & FAIR.**

**HOP BITTERS.**

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**DR. C. McLANE'S CELEBRATED LIVER PILLS.**  
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